

Post high school education and training

HISTORY OF PALM BEACH JUNIOR COLLEGE

The Palm Beach Junior College was founded in 1933 by Superintendent Joe Youngblood and Mr. Howell L. Watkins. Both these men saw the need for an opportunity for all young people to get a college education. Through a great deal of work and effort on the part of these two men, Palm Beach Junior College got underway and became the first public junior college in the State of Florida. As a result, over 5,128 students have enrolled at Palm Beach Junior College during its 26 years of educational service.

The Junior College was started in the annex building near the present Palm Beach High School and both facilities and teachers were used at the beginning. ^{hake} It was moved to ^{the airport} Morrison Field in 1948 and then to Lake Park in 1951. ^{where it stayed for 3 1/2 years} The State Legislators saw the value in the junior college program and appropriated money for the new junior college to be built at the present site in Lake Worth, Florida. ^{for 5 years} The County Commission cooperated with the Board of Public Instruction, School Trustees, and College Advisory Committee and donated 114 acres in 1955. The college moved into its new facilities in the fall of 1956 where it is enjoying a tremendous growth both in facilities and over-all college program.

<u>Fall enrollments</u>	<u>STUDENT GROWTH</u>	
<u>Palm Beach High Annex</u>		
1933-34 - 41	1942-43 - 100	1951-52 - 190
1934-35 - 23	1943-44 - 146	1952-53 - 228
1935-36 - 64	1944-45 - 135	1953-54 - 278
1936-37 - 67	1945-46 - 178	1954-55 - 471
1937-38 - 75	1946-47 - 333	1955-56 - 519
1938-39 - 98	1947-48 - 322	1956-57 - 745
1939-40 - 123	Feb 48 - June 48 - (322)	1957-58 - 1,087
1940-41 - 127	1948-49 - 372	1958-59 - 1,530
1941-42 - 97	1949-50 - 388	1959-60 - 1,900 *
	1950-51 - 417	

* The first semester total is 1,422 and 1,900 will be enrolled by the end of the year.

PALM BEACH JUNIOR COLLEGE TODAY

LOCATION: 400 South Congress Avenue, Lake Worth, Florida. The College is on a 114 acre site adjacent to Lake Osborne. It is centrally located and accessible by roads from all parts of the county. It has a quiet atmosphere.

PHYSICAL PLANT:

Administration Building	Music Building
Science Building	Service Building
Student Center	Sewage Disposal
Physical Education Building	Water Plant
Technical Building	

PROPOSED AREAS: Plans and money approved for:

1. 500 Seat auditorium
2. Health building and gymnasium

CURRICULUM OFFERED: General Curriculum -

Art for advertising and industry	Teaching
Pre-optometry	Home Economics
General Business	Medicine & Denistry
Secretarial - 1 yr. stenographic course	Medical Technology
2 yr. stenographic course	Two-year nursing program
Engineering Aid	Lab technician
Electrical Technology	Medical Assistant
Engineering - University parallel	Homemaker
Forestry	Food services
Law	
Music Education	

Estimate per year - Fees \$107.00 per year
Estimate books \$50.00 per year
Out-of-State \$200.00 extra per year
Non-district \$50.00 extra per year

Comparison to State University for same year - \$1400.00
Comparison to private universities for same year - \$1800.00

SURVEY: A recent survey to show that a college is a financial asset to a community showed that each student is responsible for the expenditure by somebody of between \$600 and \$1000 per year through services, transportation, food, and medical attention. With this in mind, a college can be classified as an industry worth \$1000 per student for the area, which would bring the value of Palm Beach Junior College to the local area to \$987,000. This survey indicates that if these students were not enrolled at Palm Beach Junior College, this money would be spent in some other community.

PALM BEACH JUNIOR COLLEGE TODAY, cont'd.

PROJECTED ENROLLMENT: 1962-63 - 1,309 day students. This would mean that a total of 2,500 students would be enrolled during the year (day and evening).

EVENING DIVISION: High school graduates who find it necessary to go to work still have the opportunity to start college program by entering the evening division. Fully accredited, acceptable transfer credits may be received by attending the night classes starting at 7 p.m. and lasting until 10 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Palm Beach Junior College. The present enrollment of the evening division is 436.

COLLEGE LIFE: All regular students entering Palm Beach Junior College have the opportunity to develop completely in all areas of leadership by joining the organizations and groups set up to cater to all phases of interest. This is felt to be an important part of college life and is strongly encouraged as soon as the student has had an opportunity to adjust to his academic responsibilities.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING: A carefully trained staff has been selected to help all students with their academic and personal problems. Each student is provided with an interview before enrolling. He also is given a series of diagnostic tests. The counselor utilizes the high school record, the twelfth grade test scores, and the junior college test scores to aid the student in assessing his potentialities. This provided the best possible assistance in making the adjustment to college work. Each student is provided with a complete orientation to the college staff and student organizations.